

1 AN ACT in relation to criminal law.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Unified Code of Corrections is amended by
5 adding Section 3-15-4 as follows:

6 (730 ILCS 5/3-15-4 new)

7 Sec. 3-15-4. Task force on mental health services in
8 municipal jails and lockups.

9 (a) The Department of Corrections shall convene a
10 special task force to develop and propose model standards for
11 the delivery of mental health services and the prevention of
12 suicides in municipal jails and lockups. The task force
13 shall be composed of no more than 22 members appointed by the
14 Director of Corrections as follows:

15 (1) Not more than 8 members representing
16 municipalities.

17 (2) Not more than 8 members representing community
18 mental health service providers and State operated and
19 private psychiatric hospitals, including no more than 3
20 representatives of the Office of Mental Health,
21 Department of Human Services.

22 (3) Three members of the general public, at least
23 one of whom must be a primary consumer of mental health
24 services.

25 (4) Not more than 3 representatives of the
26 following groups: the National Commission on Correctional
27 Health Care, the American Correctional Association, the
28 Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Health Care
29 Organizations, the American Association of Correctional
30 Psychology, the John Howard Association.

31 The Director of Corrections shall in appointing the task

1 force attempt to ensure that the membership on the task force
2 represents the geographic diversity of the State.

3 (b) The members of the task force shall serve without
4 compensation and may not receive reimbursement for any
5 expenses incurred in performing their duties as members of
6 the task force.

7 (c) The task force may, without limitation, (i)
8 determine what services and screening should be provided in
9 municipal pre-trial detention facilities and what training
10 and resources are necessary to provide those services and
11 (ii) recommend changes in the Department's standards for
12 municipal jails and lockups.

13 (d) Before the Department acts upon any recommendation
14 of the task force, the Department must hold a public hearing
15 to provide individuals with mental illnesses and their family
16 members, mental health advocacy organizations, and the public
17 to review, comment upon, and suggest any changes to the
18 proposed standards for municipal jails and lockups.

19 (e) The task force must submit its recommendations as to
20 any changes in the standards for municipal jails and lockups
21 to the General Assembly by January 15, 2002.

22 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
23 becoming law.